

By MARY ROBERTS RINEHART.

the stock market. His surrender, he said, was not a message which he, as the president of the bank, was intended to give from Doctor Walker, a physician who was traveling through the country, saying that the war was very ill and un-  
likely to succeed. The traders' Bank of New York, and John B. Williams, charged with the duty of running the stock market, and still en-  
gaged with one subject, the failure of the bank and its attendant evils, Hal-  
sey and I went out into the grounds for a stroll. Gertrude followed us shortly. "The light was thickening," to appropriate Shakespeare's descrip-  
tion of twilight, and once again the treacherous and the traitorous night throb with their tiny life. It was almost oppressively lonely, in spite of its beauty, and I felt a sickening pang of homesickness for my city at night, for the clatter of horses' feet on cobbled paving, for the shouts, voices, the sound of children playing. The country after dark oppresses me.

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mostly thing in the world, with its lavender border and warm, faint scent. Gertrude was the first to speak.

"Somebody—had it?" she asked.

"Yes. Halsey tried to stop whoever it was and fell. Gertrude, that blanket it was not mine. I have never seen it before."

She held it up and looked at it; then she went to the door of the veranda and threw it open. Perhaps a hundred feet from the house were two figures, that moved slowly toward us as we looked. When they came within range of the light, I recognized Halsey, and with him Mrs. Watson, the housekeeper.

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